TOWN OF HULL

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Sept. 16, 2014 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The Town of Hull Plan Commission Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 by Chairperson John Holdridge at 5:30 p.m. at the Town of Hull Municipal Building, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr., Stevens Point, WI 54482.

<u>Present</u>: John Holdridge, Bob Bowen, Jan Way, Shelley Binder, Bob Enright, Jocelyn Reid and Secretary Patty Amman.

Absent: Dennis Ferriter

Also present: Steve Kunst, Portage County Associate Planner.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 28, 2014 Hull Plan Commission meeting:

Holdridge I think Patty and I will go back through the minutes and point out where there were questions raised and items that needed research to make sure that we cover those topics.

Janet checked on the mobile home situation (brought up in minutes). Up at Evergreen Villa, those are leased. They have a community water system and they have 2 large septic tanks. They have individual septic systems with a sharing of drain fields. We don't know the number of lots or the number that share in each drain field. They lease the lots and some own the mobile home but in some cases the park owns the mobile home. We're still waiting for a call back from Recre Acres. If it's a community water system, then it's monitored just like the City of Stevens Point would be, for water quality.

Kunst The meeting last time, the discussion was long but it was wonderful as far as how a plan commission is supposed to operate and go through ideas, that was ideal. A lot of really good discussion.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the August 28, 2014 Hull Plan Commission meeting was made by Bob Bowen, seconded by Jocelyn Reid. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. AGENDA ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION. None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS; CHAIRPERSON AND PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS. Questions, comments that Plan Commission members have about the Comprehensive Plan or the process used.

Holdridge Today I got an analysis from Jerry O'Brien of the legal position on Well #11 on how we can challenge it. We can challenge it through a nuisance complaint. That nuisance complaint is based on the fact that the Town of Hull back in 1969 adopted Village Powers. So we're a town with Village Powers which means we have the right and probably the obligation to protect the welfare, health, etc. of our citizens. It's about a 7-page memo. Our next step, I talked with Steve Gaffield who is our hydrologist. He's going to send his analysis. Then we're going to, probably in early October, sit down with the mayor in person and his attorney and find out what they want to do about the situation. O'Brien is going to be gone for about 10 days in the later part of September. He and his assistant, B. Jacobson who has done a lot of legwork, feels pretty strongly that there's a pretty strong case given that 29 plus households have lost water. We actually have got 31 now that have lost water. So we'll be pushing ahead with that.

Binder Does he reference the recent administrative judge ruling on the high capacity

wells?

Holdridge That one down in Adams County?

Binder Yes.

Holdridge No, he didn't.

Binder Where he said the DNR needs to use some scientific criteria.

Holdridge They've got to use cumulative effects.

Binder Which I thought would be a very positive thing for our case. It's a different case but it's the same thing. Or the other ones that might want to get drilled in the area.

Holdridge I think it would have an impact on that Somers well because in the analysis by the hydrologist, he showed there is some impact in the 2 test wells the hydrologist used by the Somers property up there. There is an impact there from Well #11. So it extends out. The big issue on Well #11 is what happens when the City goes from 2.5 million gallons per day to 13 million gallons per day, which they can do, but they'd have to re-do their treatment plant. Right now, they can produce out of there 5 million gallons per day because of the treatment plant. Anything over that and they'd need to re-do the treatment plant. I got a call from Patty Dreier and she said she was just at the economic development meeting, the mayor was there and he was talking about how they're going to use Well #11 and advertising it, they've got the water. I thought, boy, that was an interesting statement. So I called up Idsvoog and said, "Phil, did you hear..." he said, "Yes, I was there." "Did the mayor make some statement?" "Yes he did." It's a disregard and sort of an insensitivity I think to a bunch of Hull homeowners who have private wells. We'll see what happens. Lawsuits are always peaks and valleys. I did do some research into Fond du Lac in the late 1980's early 1990's. They had an issue with the Town of Byron.

They reached an agreement with Byron, because they had a high capacity well and the City of Fond du Lac agreed regarding any lost water, they were going to make amends. In one case, they actually bought a well for someone in the town. Fond du Lac never signed it but they agreed to it. The latest one and one I think is a pretty interesting one is Wisconsin Rapids and the Town of Grand Rapids. The City of Wisconsin Rapids went out into Grand Rapids and developed a high capacity well, a vertical one that had a capacity of about 2.5 million gallons per day. They wrote up an agreement, lawyer to lawyer, and it was overseen by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. This was before anything happened. It was really perceptive I thought. I got a copy of that. It's sort of an implementation plan. It basically says if a town citizen looses water that the City of Wisconsin Rapids will be responsible. That's all I know. There may be others in the state, some municipalities that agreed to deal with it. So that's our status but I think in early October we'll be pushing that.

Enright John, have you heard from any of the residents in the area near Walter and Brilowski Road? I mention this because a person who lives in that area said there were 4 people or more who had to drill wells.

Holdridge Barb might have. She's cataloging that. She keeps that right up to date so if they call, she's got the record. Our problem now is where do you stop recording it as these come in and are they related or are they unrelated. You've got to be cautious. Right now, we've got 29 solid ones and we've got 2 more that filled out the questionnaire and provided the bills, etc.

The other thing I wanted to mention, on the 18th Jeff Stewart from the DOT is going to come over here and meet with Hull citizens who want to attend and talk about that I-39/Hwy. 10 intersection. Particularly they are concerned about that road by Target. I think what happened is people come and often turn there to get onto the interstate and it's been a real problem. So they've got to redesign that. We did mention, I think I had Barb call, about the meeting question and he indicated he would take that up, the one that Terry Hackett was here about. That's at 9:30 a.m. on the 18th right here. I never sent him a letter. The board said... strong support of the letter. The very next day he called and said he'd like to meet with Hull citizens.

Anything else anyone has? Any questions?

We do have a situation on Hwy. 66, where you get onto Torun from Hwy. 66 on the right hand side (on Hwy. 66). I think that is R2 single family even though it's on a highway. There's a fellow that went through the county zoning and is putting in a pawn shop. Now every pawn shop I've ever been at always sold guns. When I was stationed in the south, there were pawn shops almost on every corner. This fellow isn't going to do that but what he did was he put a sign out and then one of the neighbors saw him in his back yard with a rifle and of course, they're very concerned about that. So we've got to follow up with that. I don't know if it's Tracy Pelky or Chris Mrdutt or who over there.

Kunst It would be one of those 2. I don't know about this particular case, but I know there are some special things that a pawn shop has to do in order to be able to sell firearms.

Holdridge He said he wasn't going to do that.

Kunst I know it takes a lot more. There was a pawn shop just outside the City of Shawano that did it and had firearms in there for quite awhile and then somebody brought it up

that they didn't have, or they weren't aware that they needed to have some sort of special permit and so they no longer sell firearms. They continued to operate. But I know there is something extra needed, just like for commercial, you have to have in order to sell firearms.

Holdridge Barb talked with the fellow that came in and told him that you've just got to be cautious with that because if it's under the zoning ordinance and the zoning people won't handle it, we've got a public nuisance ordinance. But I think they've probably informed him but he had a sign out there, a fairly good size sign and people saw that and it got some dander up over there.

Kunst I hadn't heard anything about that.

Holdridge I notice when I went home yesterday, his sign was there. When you go home, look to the right. It's about the 3rd or 4th house on the right. There was a trailer out there and he started to accumulate some stuff there too which got people's attention. But you've got Jerry Borski there who's advertising an automobile. Jerry works some electrical stuff out of his house and you've got several others along there that have some sort of side business.

5. REVIEW OF HULL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION.

- a. Final Review of Chapter 1 Issues & Opportunities
- b. Final Review of Chapter 2 Housing Element
- c. Continued Review of Chapter 3 Transportation Element
- d. Beginning Review of Chapter 4 Utilities & Community Facilities Element Steve Kunst, Associate Planner of Portage County Planning & Zoning Department

Holdridge I read this history and I thought it was really good.

Kunst The stuff I provided which is the introduction and then Chapter 1 and 2, you've seen these now a couple different times. What I provided was just a cleaner version. There's no red *(or underline)*. Much of this hadn't changed.

Holdridge I thought that was good stuff. Accurate too.

Kunst That was the purpose of this. To give you a cleaner version of it and with a date on the bottom saying, as of this date, this is what was agreed upon and if that wasn't the case, we could go back and make some changes again. The same could be said for Chapters 1 and 2. If there's any red *(underlined)*, it was a suggested change recommended at our last meeting. Chapters 1 and 2, one of the first things we reviewed back in July.

Holdridge You want to start with Chapter 1.

Kunst Yes. Again, there shouldn't be a whole lot of changes. Starting on page 6 of Chapter 1 with the new one, the second from last paragraph we added in "voting administration" as one of the services provided by the Town of Hull to its residents. We took out the "solid waste" because it's no longer handled that way and now voting administration was added. On page 7, under Fiscal Responsibility a statement that mentions the extra effort the Town of Hull is doing with its 5-year budget plan so there's at least some lip service paid to that effort.

Holdridge There's also a whole chapter in the comprehensive plan on Finances.

Kunst Which is unique to the Town of Hull. I notice a couple of things now that I see it printed out that I need to take the underlining off of since it's already good. There's a cross out I didn't get to. So again, this isn't new information. This is information that was already reviewed and preliminarily approved of for Chapter 1. Does anyone recall any other conversation we had that didn't make it in here that was supposed to? That's really what this is for. There shouldn't be. I'm pretty sure I caught it all. This is just a one-more-glance sort of thing. Returning the copy with changes based on our conversations. It'll get added into the matrix that Patty keeps.

Holdridge Then what will happen is before we get to adopt it, we would take an over view of this once again that's more comprehensive.

Kunst Yes, to touch on all the different things we changed. We'll have to do a public hearing as part of that too.

Chapter 2, Housing Element, same deal here. Just returning a cleaner version of the chapter. Changes made, page 7, based on our last discussion, the Town had recommended more encouraging of senior and assisted living facilities support in adjacent municipalities as opposed to within the Town so we mentioned that. Because the way it was written before was a question that was asked, which one the Town was leaning towards. So take a look at those 2 statements on page 7 under Issues Outstanding, #1 and #2 under B.

Binder Under #2, "Seniors choosing to live alone, age in place.."

Bowen It means to stay at home.

Kunst As far as they never go to another place. It's just a different way of saying it I guess. You're not going to another place, you're going to stay right in your home and do your same thing that you've always been doing and deal with it on your own. I may have taken that for granted, it's kind of a common term in the stuff that I read but it may not be elsewhere. Seniors living alone can still be seniors that function completely on their own and there are others that don't but refuse to leave the house and that's a choice you have to make, you have the right to do so. Some towns are taking a real active approach as to what they can do with these individuals, what kind of services they can provide for them. I know the county does a lot of that stuff.

Holdridge Is there still this notion of a mobile home coming in needs to be 10 years old or newer?

Kunst Yes, that's within county zoning.

Holdridge That's the standard. If you look at Fairview Village, if you saw that 5-8 years ago, the deterioration of that spot is really outstanding. Apparently there was a kind of raid out there the other day. The city surrounded it. But that has really changed dramatically. They've got a new owner.

Enright As it's stated for the first one, "As the population within the Town continues to age and seek alternative living options," the phrasing of that seems to imply that residents who are aging do seek alternatives. I was wondering if we might say, "residents who seek alternative living options..." Just take out the first 6-7 words of that.

Kunst I think that more directly relates to what you talk about a lot. I agree.

Enright Maybe an explanatory thing to the lack of such housing facilities in the Town itself, under B #1, just strike the part that says, "as the" then an explanatory phrase to follow that due to the lack of such housing facilities in the Town of Hull. Although just adjacent to the Town is where 2 of the big facilities are, Oakridge/Emeritus in the Parkdale Development. I don't know if it's appropriate to mention those by name or not but they are available just outside the Town.

Kunst That's why you say adjacent communities. We could say in Point and Plover, areas that are better able to serve confined housing like that with sewer and water.

Enright And the support services, right.

Holdridge They would certainly accept Hull citizens.

Kunst Yes, I can definitely make that change. I agree that makes a lot more sense. Then the back side of page 8, take a look at the top one, it's based on a statement you had made that I tried to interpret. We amended some language in there as it relates to conflicting land uses and annexation. "Attempt to limit issues with annexations resulting in uses harming the environmental quality of the Town in order to protect property values and avoid conflicting land uses."

Enright You might add in there, "protect neighborhoods" because that's in our plan as well as other things.

Kunst Yes, I can add that.

Holdridge I notice somewhere in here you suggested we might have a separate chapter on groundwater.

Kunst We'll get to that next. I wanted to talk about that. That's Chapter 2 then. Any other thoughts based on the conversation we had that wasn't included in this?

Reid Are there short-term goals? #1 you have "Explore the availability of Federal/State housing programs for low-income individuals.." Is that referring to outside the Town of Hull or within the Town of Hull?

Kunst It could still be within. It's not necessarily implying it would be for large facilities but maybe federal and state programs that allow help to get ramps and things like that.

I think as it was in black, it means it was in the original comprehensive plan in 2006. That's a good question. Is that something we still want to The way I interpreted it was that you could still utilize that and help residents if you know of any of those programs. It may also be referring to senior housing facilities.

Reid That was what I was...

Kunst That may have been the original intent. If that's not something the Town wishes to attract, then maybe that short-term goal may seem less applicable.

Holdridge In the minutes I mentioned public housing in Junction City and Amherst and maybe something in the Almond area, do you know anything about that? Do they still have the public housing department in Portage County?

Kunst I'm not sure but I could check.

Holdridge They run those facilities? I'm not sure if it's for the elderly or for low income families but the one in Junction City I know is not hooked up to a municipal system because it would be east right off of Hwy. 10. Is there a way you can check that out?

Kunst Yes, absolutely.

Holdridge Who knows, sometime they might want to locate another housing unit.

Kunst You said Junction City.

Holdridge There's one in Junction City, one in Amherst but that's right in the village.

Kunst But either way, it would be good to know who handles that.

Holdridge I think they've got one in Almond or somewhere down south. It used to be called the public housing department and I assume they still have it operating. What's the one in Stevens Point that they're either trying to sell or close or something? There are letters to the editor saying why do you want to close it and all that.

Way Is that Edgewood Manor?

Kunst Yes. I think they're looking at all their options at the moment. It's in need of repair, especially on the outside. I had asked about it because I wasn't sure if they were marking out new windows or something in the side of the building. I asked Kyle Kearns and Michael Ostrowski what they were doing there. Those are actually big washers that are meant to hold the bricks in place. They're in fear of them falling out. So those are just great big washers. So they're thinking what do they do? They either stick money into this thing to fix it or what? They're seeking all options and getting back to us to let us know what the options are.

Holdridge We've got a big issue involving the City/County Library. The city folks and county common council or whoever manages that have put hardly any money into the library. The standard was that the municipality would own the facility and now they want the county to kick in \$600,000 for repairs because there have been literally no repairs on that building. That's going to be an issue. Because if you do it for Stevens Point, what's to stop the Village of Plover from saying you should own our building too? Ultimately what the city wants is for the county to own the building and be responsible for all the repairs. I think they've got a branch in Rosholt and around the county, Almond.

Kunst Yes, it's going to be an interesting issue.

Holdridge Okay Steve, are we through with that one?

Kunst I believe so.

Holdridge Let's go to Chapter 3.

Kunst I had one question for sure on Chapter 3 that I didn't get a chance to ask last time so on page 30 of Chapter 3. It's under G. Water Transportation. I don't recall asking the question. I think our conversation strayed last time. I wanted to get a updated list of boat landings in the Town of Hull. Public boat landings, anywhere in an unimproved area where people walk down a trail then float a kayak or canoe off of it. Any that are known.

Holdridge The major one that has created a great deal of problems for the people that own the land, and that's Margaret Witt, at what we call the Red Bridge. Witt owns right up to the inlet there and Jim Grubba owns the other end and when the University did this map of the wetlands, they put on there a boat landing but it's not a public boat landing. People use it all the time and Margaret's got a sign out there saying, use the rake to cover up the indentations from the boat and so forth. That should be taken off the University's map. The University did a good job on mapping those wetlands there. Have you seen that Steve?

Kunst No.

Holdridge We've got a copy here somewhere.

(Patty handed Steve a copy of the mentioned map.)

Kunst You said what bridge?

Holdridge Red Bridge.

Kunst So it's not actually a boat landing so we don't want to list that in here as far as being one.

Holdridge Margaret doesn't object but she doesn't want this to be a public boat landing, doesn't want it advertised. As you look at that, you'll see the marking for a boat landing. When

this duck season starts, there's going to be all kinds of people down there plus over on The Pipe. Now an area where there is pretty much a boat landing, not for speed boats, is at The Pipe. You can get access from either side. The Pipe is an isthmus that goes across and from either side you can get to the water.

Reid Where is that?

Holdridge That's up in northwest Hull as you go up on Granite Ridge Road, make the turn and just keep going straight, you'll go right to the river bottoms. Mike Dombeck lives to the right up on a hill and he's been monitoring it. That was a big source of contention because the Wiza's have permission to log off there and the land is owned by Consolidated but the problem is how do you get a big logging truck back in there without destroying it. So they did log off there and resolved the issue. But it's very controlled. Our guys put a pipe right in the middle and you have to have a key to pull that out to get any kind of vehicle to go across it. But you can walk back there. Consolidated lets people use it. I don't know if you know Bruce Wiza but Bruce is a character and I think it's his father or grandparents that had the right to log that. So Bruce would go back and log that and then he started camping back there and Consolidated doesn't want anyone to camp back there so that became an issue. So far it's been real quiet.

Now the other thing here looking at this, Steve, that weight limit section, I've got to have Barb look at that. Somewhere here it says 60%. It's really 80% of Class A limits. That's an important point because we really do have a tough weight limit ordinance out here.

Enright It's doesn't say in here what the weight limit is.

Holdridge The weight limit as we figured it, it amounts to 1,200 pounds per axle. That's the best way to interpret it.

Enright Would it serve any purpose to have that written in the plan? It's probably written in the language somewhere?

Holdridge It think it's good to have it in there.

Kunst Yes, I can put it in there.

Holdridge Every road coming into Hull has a Class B weight limit. What happens in the spring, all those weight limits drop down to 7 ½ tons. It's consistent with what the county does. The county puts all their roads at 7 ½ tons during the spring break up. Some of our roads, particularly on the west side, that's a tougher situation. Those roads have more moisture. But that's important.

Enright Would it help to have a definition of a Class A in there?

Holdridge Yes, I think that would be helpful.

Enright And a Class B. It defines the function in here in terms of what weight limits were but is everything a Class A unless you say it's not? I didn't quite get that.

Holdridge Yes, that's pretty much true.

Kunst I can do that.

Holdridge Of course the key to the weight limit ordinance, the reason you want them to get a permit, this is before they come into Hull, you can direct them on how to get to their destination. One of the things we direct them is to keep them on interstate, state and county roads. We keep them off local roads. Because those roads are well built and built to handle the weight. Our roads are not built to handle a lot of weight.

Bowen If you're trying to put a definition of a Class A road, then I think you ought to add a statement that Hull does not have any Class A roads.

Kunst Right, the Town of Hull doesn't.

Bowen If you put a definition there, it gives the impression we might have some.

Kunst As far as you guys don't own and maintain a Class A. There are Class A with the state and federal highways.

Holdridge We have Class A roads going through Hull, but they're not local (owned) roads.

Bowen They're not maintained by us.

Enright On that same page I have an editorial suggestion on the water. But I suppose since we're talking about the trucking and weight limits, we should finish with that. So if we move that last sentence to the front, it would read, "The Wisconsin River serves as the western boundary for the Town of Hull." And then say, "Aside from recreational purposes, the river is not used as a mode of transportation." You get that?

Kunst Yes. It makes sense as well.

Holdridge The other thing as I was reading it, the last statement, "The river's total length is 16.98 miles long, with an average of...." Is that the length in Hull?

Kunst Correct. Within the Town of Hull.

Holdridge That's in Hull then.

Kunst That's not the way that sentence reads, is it? It's in black so it's been in there a long time. I'll change that.

Holdridge That river has really been high recently. So is Hay Meadow Creek high.

Bowen It's been going up and down. It's come back up recently after the rain last week but prior to that it was down to its normal low level.

Holdridge Okay, anything else about that?

Kunst No. That was the only question I wanted to ask on Chapter 3. So for the next meeting, you'll get a cleaned up version of Chapter 3. We reviewed the majority of that at our last meeting. So you'll get for Chapter 3 a very similar one like I presented for Chapter 4. There will be be a lot more in red because we had a really good discussion at our last meeting. There are a lot of really good additions. That's what we'll be touching on next time. Making sure all the changes that were made are in line with the process from out last meeting in August.

Enright I was thinking also on the Issues Outstanding, that we may want to wait until after these meetings with the Department of Transportation about this median thing and Hwy. 10.

Kunst I do have notes saying Hwy. 10 safety as well as traffic patterns, to make some sort of a decision.

Enright Right, you've got that in item 7 and then it comes up again further down. But we may want to have a position on that or a statement of what the Dept. of Transportation is on record as saying and then what the Town feels about that.

Kunst I know, as far as the meeting, I won't be able to make this one. When I first heard about it I thought, great, I'll come and listen. But I'm actually participating in the Leadership in Portage County and that's the day we meet and its all day on Thursday. I'll mention it to Jeff Schuler and see if he wants to attend. Otherwise I'll really be looking for feedback from you guys, what you guys heard and took away from that to help us with Chapter 3 and what's in there. So I'll look forward to hearing about it from you folks. If you can fill me in on what they said and what their plans are for the future.

Holdridge On page 32, that little chart which gives the Town of Hull bikeways (in Chapter 3), I wonder if there isn't a good definition of what we need with some of these pedestrian paths and bikeways, what those mean.

Kunst I attempted to do that directly above it in the paragraphs. So there's the definition of paved shoulders, bike routes/shared roadways, paths or trails.

Holdridge Do we have a copy of this? (The new County Bike/Ped Plan.)

Kunst I believe someone should have received one from Sarah Wallace. If you guys don't have one, I can definitely provide one.

Holdridge Patty, do you know if we ever got one?

Kunst A Bike/Pedestrian Plan? It would be like a blue cover

Amman I haven't seen it but that doesn't mean that Barb or Janet didn't get it.

Kunst I'll make a note of that and let me know because you should have that.

Bowen Is this referencing the updated plan?

Kunst Yes, this is a pull-out right from the plan. Recommended stuff from that plan for Hull. We can get an entire plan out here. Again, this is a county plan. The Town, if it so chooses, can review this plan and say if they want to adopt it as their own plus any other recommendations they want to adopt as well. You don't have to. I would think of any of the townships that it would make the most sense to think out, it would be the Town of Hull because of the bike and pedestrian activity here.

Holdridge We clearly need a plan and one of the things we really need is public information. Get people to ride to bikes properly. The last page with the short-term goals (*Chapter 3*). #1 Examine truck traffic patterns and explore the creation of designated truck routes through the Town of Hull to minimize road damage. I don't think we're ever going to do that.

Kunst You don't think so?

Holdridge No.

Kunst Okay. That's good.

Reid I had that crossed out.

Holdridge Loggers and septic haulers come in and they go everywhere.

Kunst That's the thing as it relates to for a given project, as far as weight limit classifications for logging that's going on for an operation right there, they're exempt from it. Septic haulers are exempt from those things because they're providing that service, they're in and out.

Holdridge The closest we would have would probably be North Second and I think that would be a Class B road and the people from Dewey coming down to get on *(end of tape)*...

Kunst Like I said, if it's continuous, if they're going through it, they need to adhere to the weight limits. It's the ones coming in for a project within there and coming back out, they're exempt. We got that input from the Wisconsin Town's Association.

Holdridge Towns are having a meeting at the Holiday Inn tomorrow. One of the sessions looks at the new weight limit requirements by the state.

Kunst Is that the Wisconsin Town's Association?

Holdridge Yes. Anything else on Chapter 3?

Binder If you're taking the Short-Term Goals, taking #1 out of there, should you take #1 out of the Action Plan?

Holdridge Yes.

Kunst Yes, good catch.

Bowen Why would you eliminate that? The evaluation of truck routes.

Holdridge We just don't have that.

Bowen It says, "evaluate the need for truck routes."

Holdridge If you had a consistent path, the city has truck routes because they have them going to the mills but we don't have that kind of situation.

Enright Yes, but some of the new signage has gone up. The blue signs that tells you you're on a truck route as opposed to a non-truck route.

Holdridge In the city?

Enright Yes. Highway 10 has those.

Kunst The city is different and I think what John is alluding to is they have routine truck traffic and what that does is it tells trucks, you can't go driving through residential neighborhoods just because it's shorter. You have to stay on these main roads as far as the weight that you have and that you don't interrup the safety and culture of the neighborhood there.

Amman Are you referring to the blue street signs, is that what you mean?

Kunst Yes.

Amman I noticed some new colored street signs but I didn't know what that meant.

Kunst It helps truckers too as far as, okay, I can go down there. If I get where I'm not supposed to be, I at least know what road can handle me and where I can turn. From downtown, you get to see a lot of interesting things from my window. They come down there and realize, they can't turn there or they turn off of Clark Street on one of those side streets where they're parked on either side of the street and double park and sit for 20 minutes because they can't fit and they have to wait until there's enough room traffic wise and back out and get back on the main road. They just get stuck. It can be quite comical but I realize the need for some directional signage because this is not where you should be taking a semi. There's a lot of one-ways in that part of Stevens Point.

Holdridge Apparently what happens on that turn that goes past Target to Maple Bluff, semi drivers will often turn there and all of a sudden they're in a neighborhood and they're caught.

Binder They kind of added a lane right there between the traffic light and the ramp for people to....actually they have a sign there saying you're supposed to take this lane for I-39. They turn at the traffic light, and it's confusing.

Kunst I've done it, I've missed it.

Enright Or worse yet, they're in the right turn lane by Target and then come back out. I haven't seen it too often but I have on occasion.

Binder At least you can turn around in the old Fleet Farm parking lot.

Holdridge That's so risky out there.

Enright That's where I was thinking about in #7 under Summary of Findings but maybe also in Issues Outstanding. That one sounds, "with little prospect of reducing traffic", it just sounds hopeless. Maybe a more emphatic statement would be, "it's becoming increasingly congested causing delays and safety concerns." In #7 under Summary of Findings.

Holdridge That Highway 10 East is only going to get worse, because it no longer is going to loop south to HH.

Kunst So rather than, "becoming congested", it "is".

Holdridge It's terrible.

Enright We were taking last time about it.

Reid It's dangerous.

Enright Labor Day traffic was backed up to Fleet Farm to go north. That right lane was just stopped all the way.

Binder Like 2:00 in the afternoon I was backed up there when coming back from Rosholt, on Friday.

Enright It's an overloaded highway and has been for a long time, it's getting worse but there's no hope.

Kunst The traffic part isn't going to change so what do you do. Maybe a calming thing is needed.

Holdridge Without taking that traffic out and taking it south to HH...

Kunst Which won't happen for over 20 years.

Holdridge Which won't happen, I mean it's off the table.

Kunst It's on the table. What they know is, there's no guarantee in funding. The way the DOT operates is, they're moving forward in officially mapping it, that's what it means. So once they officially map that route, then they could go through and start purchasing properties. I know they're already in negotiations with one property owner over by the Amherst area when it's going to start to dip down.

Holdridge That'll be a key.

Enright Didn't they give up on that? They still didn't make a final decision did they?

Kunst They're working on it, making that final decision. Like I said, they're mapping it, that's their final decision saying we're going with it.

Enright Really. Because there were public hearings about it and I thought that....

Kunst That's the next step in the process, the mapping of it.

Enright Is that public? Do we know what it is?

Kunst Yes, all of it is public.

Holdridge But that isn't what Jeff Stewart told us. He said because of all the money needed in southeast Wisconsin, this thing just sort of is off the table.

Kunst What I do know is they're moving forward and officially mapping it. The issue with every highway project, especially when you get out here knowing all the transportation needs down in southeast Wisconsin, will it every actually get funding. Will they actually get funding to purchase all the property that they need. That's never a guarantee. They officially map it to give themselves that opportunity to do so if the money ever comes along. There's no guarantee that funding will ever be there depending what needs are at that time and how things are going.

Holdridge Don't hold your breath.

Kunst I think as far as the process goes, they're still moving forward in the planning stages.

Enright I also suspect even if that did happen, that road would still be overloaded because it was at one of those transportation studies that was done with a lot of people going into Stevens Point for work. That was done 5-7 years ago and there is a lot of transportation just to

and from the City part of it for commuting. Even if you took off that cross-state traffic, I think you would still have a pretty over-loaded highway.

Holdridge If you made that trip frequently, I'm talking from Appleton, the Fox Valley, Milwaukee area, and you traditionally went and got on I-39 where Hwy. 10 is and they design this other route, wouldn't you continue to use a route that is actually shorter and stop at Culvers or Fleet Farm and get your fishing tackle and all the rest of it.

Bowen Unless they're going to restrict trucks, they're going to turn onto Hwy. 10 where it is now and connect to Hwy. 10 east. They're not going to drive 4 miles south. That's \$15 - \$20 and more than that if it's a round trip.

I would like to suggest in #7 that we would include Dewey as an other government because what Dewey does with their plan and transportation is going to affect Hull. They may ultimately have an interchange at Maple, a diamond interchange, which is 2 miles north of the Hwy. 10 going west. It's actually 1.99 miles north the Hwy. 10 interchange going to Marshfield, where it turns off to the west. That would eliminate all of Grizinski's trucks and a good share of the other trucks that operate in Dewey because there's about 5 or 6 trucking outfits in Dewey and they would all use that instead of coming down North Second Drive, which is ruining North Second Drive. So I would suggest you add Dewey. Maybe change the wording to, "continue to negotiate" instead of monitor transportation development "with" other governments, instead of "by".

Enright What number is that?

Binder He's under Short-Term Goals, #7.

Holdridge You know all of this is dependent upon intergovernmental communication which has been almost totally lacking. Okay, can we move to Chapter 4?

Kunst Beginning with Chapter 4 as I mentioned in the memo I sent along, a lot of this stuff is very town specific. So before I jump in and call a bunch a folks and tried to guess on my own where some changes happened, I wanted input from you guys as to where I should be looking. I'm not looking for things like 17 miles of telephone wire in Hull. I'm looking more for example, in mentions in here telephone/internet services, as of 2006 what was here. Has that changed? You guys would know that, I wouldn't. So that's kind of what I'm looking for.

Bowen There are several things.

Enright Yes, I saw some things too.

Kunst So rather than for me to try and go through here and guess, you guys would be the experts.

Holdridge Steve, on page 33 up at the top it says in the last sentence of the first paragraph, "Individual homeowners are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the ditches in front of their homes." I don't know that I've ever seen that before.

Kunst I don't think I have either.

Holdridge I'm not sure where that came from. That's our right-of-way.

Kunst Right. Most of the time it is.

Holdridge Well by law, it's our right-of-way. There are 4 zones and each zone has a Hull road crew member and they are to check those culverts and ditches and make sure they're open. So it's really our staff that is responsible.

Kunst The town that is responsible, not the homeowner.

Enright Don't those 2 sentences contradict each other? "The Town maintains any ditches along Town roads." And then, "Individual homeowners are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the ditches in front of their homes." Well most of the homes are on the roads or along them.

Kunst I'm thinking maybe it's referring to maintenance as in they're the ones in charge of making sure stuff that isn't supposed to be in there isn't in there. So it's the right-of-way but just because the homeowner owns it doesn't mean they can throw a bunch of stuff in it.

Holdridge Well it's pretty clear that 66 feet is the Town of Hull's.

Kunst Right, so the last statement doesn't make any sense.

Enright I wouldn't think so.

Holdridge We have a situation right now where Bukolt comes out on Old Wausau Road. The fellow that owns that lot got the city contractor to dump a bunch of fill on that lot. He owns it. It went into the wetlands. Mike Wiza was on it and Dave Pederson saw it. Now we've checked on it and we're going to send the owner of the land a bill for about \$1,200 because he filled in all our ditches. There are 2 entryways to the lot. I think he had the contractor with the city come over and try to get that fill out of the wetlands because the Corp of Engineers was involved and the DNR, Will Stites in Wisconsin Rapids, a guy by the name of Eric with the Corp of Engineers. You can't fill in wetlands so it's going to cost him something because we're not going to pay to re-establish ditches.

Kunst The Town wouldn't have to, no, it's up to the landowner.

Holdridge But if you drive by there, you'll see it. It's pretty noticeable.

Kunst So that last sentence will come out.

Amman Well unless it means, like for me, I mow that area that's in front of my house. Everyone mows that area if it's part of the lawn in front of your house.

Binder It's not necessarily a ditch either.

Amman Well it is on mine. They put ditches along Airport Road.

Holdridge Not only do people mow it, but if we plow that street and cut up that right-of-way, the citizen will get all over you. In my neighborhood, I had a guy come around the corner from Hofmeister then over on another street and he just tore up the lawn. Well these guys mow that lawn, manicure it, even though it's in the right-of-way. You can tell them it's in the right-of-way but they take care of it and you've got to be respectful of that.

Reid Sure.

Enright So maybe that's what that means.

Amman That might be it.

Kunst In turn, it implies or gives the wrong impression. The ditches and the right-of-way, it is the Town's. There is some sort of responsibility with the land owner to make sure they're not putting something in there that isn't allowed.

Binder Right. You can't put cement posts like your mailbox and certain things have to meet certain specifications because of snow plowing and stuff. Putting things within that 33 feet...

Holdridge Any literature you see going out from us, we make it clear the right-of-way is Town property. But that doesn't stop people from mowing right up to the edge of the road.

Binder Well you do at my house because I don't have a ditch.

Reid We don't either.

Binder But I know too if the snow plow comes in and digs up that front part of my lawn...

Holdridge You're going to be understanding?

Binder I'll go out and say, that's your right-of-way but you have the right to push gravel

on it.

Holdridge You've got to put the snow somewhere.

Kunst I know education can be difficult. Not everybody understands that. I know when I was in the Village of Plover on a bike ride during the summer and they were re-doing some streets off of Hoover and there were a couple places along the road that installed irrigation with the metal piping right up to the edge of the road. You couldn't see it. They went through and

plowed it out and there was probably about 4 feet bent up at a 90 degree angle in the yard that they bent up there trying to save what they could for the landowner but it's not supposed to be in there.

Holdridge That's right.

Kunst They don't know it.

Bowen That's pretty generous, irrigating the Village of Plover.

Kunst I know some people can be confused on what that means. I know a lot of confusion happens at times. I'm not sure how Portage County handles that. Shawano County did it a little differently. When folks did a certified survey map along Town roads, most of the Towns within Shawano required that you dedicate that right-of-way at that time saying it's no longer "ours". People thought that they get taxed on that little piece and the Town should be reimbursing them for all of that but that's not how it works. You're not taxed on a per square foot base. You're taxed on a lot. Yes, it's based on acreage but it's not actually a per acre. That's not how it's assessed. But it's an unknown thing. It's a constant educational thing as to what the right-of-way is, what it means for them and why it is that way and how they're liable for things if it's in the right-of-way. I know there's an issue in the Town of Carson right now off of what used to be Hwy. 10 a long time ago. Its right against the river, there are some docks that come off of that. It was thought that Consolidated used to own that land and they gave dock permits to folks along there saying this is our land but you can have a dock along it. Well they realized after going back into the register of deeds, that is actually Portage County land. It's all under water right now but it wasn't before they dammed it up over there. Then they found all these docks and all of them were in the right-of-way, like 7 docks in the road right-of-way. What that means is if somebody would crash off the road and hit a dock, the town would be liable to be sued even though they're not allowed to be in the road right-of-way. They're debating how to handle this. They're meeting with the residents saying this is the scoop, they didn't know this before but they really can't have this. So again, the right-of-way is an issue everywhere. It differs everywhere but it's definitely an on-going educational concern.

Holdridge Steven on D, Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities.

Kunst I know, Wittenberg Disposal is out of date.

Binder Well a lot of it is out of date.

Holdridge It's now Harter's Disposal.

Kunst And that's what I'm looking for.

Reid Did the landfill close?

Holdridge The landfill is closed. They have what is called a transfer station. That's right next to the recycling center off Hwy. B.

Enright I had some things on the first page (*page 32*). It seems we have a lot to say on the water supply. You asked for things we should be paying attention to.

Kunst I don't expect us to go through page by page right now for Chapter 4.

Enright When I read this through, I was thinking of some things that I thought Steve was saying, to draw his attention to issues we should have in here. We've already talked about the high capacity wells. A couple of other ones, the wetlands protection. I'm alerted by the impact on the threat to water because of the development. We don't have anything in here. Maybe it's someplace else.

Kunst That's a perfect segue into what I want to get into. I wanted to touch on all the subjects that are in here currently. Say what's updated, then talk groundwater. There's some very basic lip-service provided in all town comprehensive plans in Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 saying water supply comes from private wells. Chapter 5, you talk about groundwater. Obviously groundwater is a little bit more of a hot-button issue worth discussion in the Town of Hull. So what I want to talk about briefly after we go through Chapter 4 is to get some input from you and I'll take my best shot at updating the things I see that need updating. Then I'd like to discuss what we need to talk about in the Town of Hull context about groundwater and water supply for residents.

Enright Okay.

Kunst Get brainstorming ideas from you on what we need to talk about. Then I'll take my best shot at addressing all those things.

Holdridge Do you have a copy of that Water Study Task Force Report?

Kunst Yes, I do and I'll be going through that a little more today as well. From this, what do we want to use, what other information do we want to talk about tonight.

Reid I had a correction from page 40 under Health Care Facilities. It's no longer called Rice Medical Center.

Bowen You're going to check on telephone/internet services because SBC and Ameritech I don't think are current.

Kunst We'll touch on that and go back to where we were.

Reid On page 40, Rice Medical Center is now Ministry Medical Group and Ministry/St. Michael's Hospital are the official names.

Enright And there's the new Marshfield Clinic too.

Reid And then Aspirus.

Bowen Then new maps of course. Because they don't show the Hwy. 10 interchange.

Holdridge Why don't we just go through each page.

Kunst Yes. That was my intention. Page 33 – Corporate Utilities.

Holdridge In the municipal building there has to be a clear distinction between administrative offices, which are going to be over there, this is going to be a community room and a meeting room. That's very important in our planning in terms of keeping citizens involved in their government. So we'll have to write a whole separate section there about that.

Kunst Do you currently have anything written up?

Holdridge No. I suspect by the first of March this room will be gutted and redone. Our meeting room for the Board will be on that end way back. This thing will be taken out. The safe will be demolished and so forth and this will be a big community meeting room well as meeting for government. The old town meeting concept.

Enright Was there an issue about inadequate internet service in the west of I-39? Did that get resolved?

Kunst What happened was, recently at the Board of Adjustment there was a company that wanted to put a tower in the Town of Carson. It was for internet wireless service. Just the way the ordinance is written, they had to go through the Board of Adjustment and follow certain protocol as they develop one. They proposed doing a lattice style, a bunch of guide wires. You can't do that under current ordinance unless you prove that you can't co-locate another one that would still provide the service you propose to do and that you have a reasonable explanation, just like in any other variance, that you can't build a straight up tower. Their response was it's cheaper for us to do a cable tower so we don't want to do anything else but that. So the Board of Adjustment turned them down saying not, it's not what we want. There are issues. You can build a tower but you have to build it a certain way and if you don't want to do that just because you don't want to spend that money, that's not a good enough reason to do a variance. That's set up by state statute as well. Is the property unique? If it's unique, and that's why you need to put up a certain type of tower, it can't be based solely on financial. That was the most recent occurrence. They were looking to provide that service out there. I'm not sure if there's a big issue. I'm assuming it's not great wireless internet out there but I can't speak to it.

Enright I think maybe there was some talk about Charter going in there but I thought the residents in that area did not have high speed cable so that meant they were using dial up over the telephone. I think that might be mentioned because that's pretty out dated these days so I suggest a statement on that. We have to find out or verify what the situation is there but if that's all they've got, it's pretty antiquated.

Kunst Do we know if that's an issue here in the Town of Hull?

Enright Yes, west of I-39.

Way It's an issue on Wilshire Drive where I live because the cable goes around and out the highway along Hwy. 66 and Torun up Jordan and down Wilshire a little way but for us on most of Wilshire, there's no Charter. It's not out there and neither is the telephone company, they won't put in a fiber optic. But when you talk about it being not available, we have it, but we have to get it through the DISH.

Kunst Solarus is a DISH operated thing.

Holdridge I think that's a big issue there.

Way I think it's a terrible issue, yes. To use my telephone right now, unless I have a land-line phone, which is SBC or whoever it is, they don't have the fiber optic, they just have the real cheap cable. I called them many years ago and they said they would never replace that. But to use my cell phone I have to go outside and then it's not working well. We're hoping because of AT&T and I was going to bring the issue of...

Holdridge Did they take over Element?

Way Yes and we have Element but the cell towers...

Holdridge What page are you on?

Kunst It's still page 33 under Corporate Utilities #1.

Way It talked about there being 4 cell towers.

Kunst Do you have more, has it changed?

Way This was 2006? Is that correct?

Kunst Yes.

Way The one right down by Wilshire and North Point Drive, I don't know how long it's been there but I don't think it's been there that long.

Holdridge We need to check on that.

Enright Steve, would it be possible to get an inventory of what the services are? There's fiber optic everywhere except for these various parts of Hull.

Kunst I think it would be. I'd have to rack my brain as to how to go about it.

Enright I think Charter made all of this fiber optic. I don't know, maybe that's not possible but it would seem to me that has been brought up as a national issue that some parts of

the country are kind of left out of getting high speed internet. That must be available from the providers right? No?

Kunst I'll check.

Binder There are counties where there isn't anything available because we do teleconferencing with the Extension and the Madison office thinks everybody can do everything high speed but a lot of the northern counties are feeling very disenfranchised because they won't be able to do the technology that the Madison Extension wants to do because it's no way available for them.

Holdridge Too rural.

Binder Nor do they see any future of it happening. They're not going to put that infrastructure in unless they can make the money out of it.

Holdridge I can't use a cell phone in here.

Binder There are a lot of areas.

Way I was wondering about that. Is there no Wi-Fi here either?

Binder You're not allowed to use your cell phone at meetings!

Holdridge If you go to the fire station, you can use it.

Kunst You don't get any service in here.

Amman It's a metal building and because it's like a metal box, it doesn't work here.

Holdridge On page 33, that last statement about police protection, that is really interesting. It shows how the sheriff's dept. serves Hull. I think that's accurate but we'll check on that. You don't have the coverage you'd like to have because they have limited deputies.

Kunst Yes, especially in the evening.

Holdridge It sounds like at night they put 2 deputies in there. During the day they have 1 deputy and I know they have these sectors.

Kunst I've heard different things at different times. I've heard that at some times, there's 3 deputies county-wide.

Holdridge Could you check on that Steve?

Kunst As far as if they enforce all town ordinances?

Holdridge We had a discussion with Mike Lukas who's going to be the new sheriff. He came out and visited the Town Board and we asked him that.

Kunst So what would you like me to check on?

Holdridge I think this is the way they patrol the Town. That's true, that's very accurate.

Bowen You might want to check to make sure.

Kunst So what I'll do is send this information over to the appropriate person over there and say is this still accurate?

Holdridge Because you'll get comments like, I haven't seen a sheriff or a police car and why aren't over here? Well they're all over the county and they've got limited deputies.

Kunst It's an enforcement issue. We can write some of the best rules and regulations possible and if they can't enforce them, it doesn't do any good.

Way I was wondering how widely-used gas lines are in the Town of Hull, ANR? Who has access to that? Is it all over the Town of Hull?

Bowen Trans-Canada is the natural gas line. We don't have any access to it. It goes to a substation then it comes out from there.

Way So it's just a transmission line?

Bowen Right.

Kunst I'm wondering if that's handled the same way the electricity is where you can't have one company that can't handle all 3 parts. There's one that handles the transmission, one that handles the power generating.

Holdridge Restrain of trade you mean?

Kunst Yes. The company that actually doles it out to individuals. It can't be the same company in Wisconsin whereas it can be in other states. Wisconsin doesn't allow for that, they're trying to eliminate monopolies.

Holdridge Steve, should we have everybody go through this? I've got a whole bunch of corrections here.

Kunst That was my intent. To clean it up and get things started because you guys will know a lot of it. I'm going to take my best shot at it too and come back next time. We can have a joint effort.

Holdridge Should we have people send any changes they have to Patty? And she can send them on to you.

Kunst Absolutely, yes.

Holdridge Why don't we do it that way.

Kunst I'll give it my best shot. You guys take a look at it and write something down.

Bowen It almost seems like it would be more productive if he did bring things up to date first because there are a lot of things in here. For example the next one, the Metro Fire.

Kunst That's all stuff I can do. The bigger things I can do. The smaller things like corporate utilities, I don't know about.

Holdridge Bob, I'm not so sure he knows much about the Metro Fire District.

Kunst But I can get that information I believe. I believe that's easier. The corporate utilities part, that part I don't know. I'm assuming there's specific service just to the Town that I don't know about.

Bowen You can talk to the Fire Chief on the numbers. We wouldn't know that.

Holdridge But some of us know all this. Not all of us. Does the UW-Marathon County give bachelor degrees?

Kunst No. It's a 2-year. They pride themselves on preparing and giving credits for transfer.

Enright This map shows the pipeline but it doesn't show it all the way through the Town. Could you do that so we see where it goes after the map ends?

Kunst Sure.

Enright This thing runs right underneath us right now, right?

Amman It's right out here, it's pretty close. You cross over it when you go down Wojcik Memorial Drive to Torun.

Way You can smell it when you go down Wilshire sometimes.

Enright It's leaking?

Way I don't know, you can smell it sometimes.

Holdridge Does that make sense to you? Anything you've got, and then some people here know some of this.

Kunst That's the thing. When I bring it back, I'll have something mailed out to you in advance.

Way Do we include, I know there is a school that my grandchildren go to, a charter school. It's in Portage County. It would be in the Tomorrow River area. So would that be included?

Kunst Yes, over by Amherst, because it would be the school that they choose.

Way I don't know if the Town of Hull fits in there. They can though.

Kunst You can say it's an option.

Holdridge Does Stevens Point have a couple of charter schools?

(multiple people talking)

Kunst John, what do you think? Do we want to talk about groundwater briefly at all?

Holdridge No, lets come back and finish this 4th one. What are your thoughts about groundwater?

Kunst I want to get an idea, I know in talking to you, it seems like a separate chapter was in order. Are you still feeling that way?

Holdridge I think it's a huge issue.

Kunst I think it needs to be separated out and talked about specifically just because of all the efforts you've done.

Holdridge I think you can use as a starting point, that Task Force Report. Bob Enright is doing some analysis, Paul McGinley is doing some analysis. We may well run another one of those testing programs. Kevin Masarik, where people get their water tested. This Well #11, how that goes, could be a significant case.

Kunst My hope is for the next meeting, this is my thought process and I want to run it past you guys, so our agenda for next time is review Chapter 3 changes that we talked about and make sure those are all good, take that first glance at Chapter 4 of my proposed updates, then brainstorm concepts and ideas we want to have within the groundwater chapter. Because that's going to take longer than the month time-frame for me to come up with something completely new as opposed to simply updating something. So I want to make sure I have the right ideas as to what to cover from you guys. Think about that for next time. I'll have that memo as well. What do we want to talk about when we talk about groundwater in the Town of Hull?

Holdridge When this thing gets gutted and refinished, I could see us sponsoring some informational sessions on groundwater probably with the assistance of the University. There is just so much that's lacking in knowledge about the whole process.

Kunst Yes and that's not just the Town of Hull. That's everywhere.

Holdridge We're in the forefront as far as some of the issues go.

Kunst As far as rural residents.

Holdridge The other towns have a much different situation though. They have all this ag land and all these high capacity wells around here. Our situation is unique in that we have an awful lot of subdivisions that aren't depending upon ag products and they see things much differently than the Town of Buena Vista or so many of these other ones. They're smaller towns with the influence of the ag community which is substantial.

Kunst That's all I have for you. My hopes for the next meeting as far as what you would see that we would cover. You can see that in my memo.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Plan Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Amman It's the 3rd Tuesday now.

Reid I think at one time we did talk about the second Tuesday.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Bob Bowen to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jocelyn Reid. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting closed at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Amman, Plan Commission Secretary Town of Hull, Portage County